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PURDUE MEMORIAL UNION MARKET RENOVATION GETS APPROVAL

INDIANAPOLIS – State Reps. Sheila Klinker (D-Lafayette) and Joe Micon (D-West Lafayette) reported that the State Budget Committee approved the expenditure of \$6.16 million for the renovation of the food service operations located on the Purdue Memorial Union's ground floor. The authorization was made during the committee's meeting Friday on the Ball State campus in Muncie.

The renovation will take place in area where the Union Station Dining Room, Freshens, Union Market, and the Villa Pizza are located. An air-handler unit and other utilities will be replaced as part of the project.

"The Purdue Memorial Union is an integral part of the Purdue campus," said Klinker, the ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee's Higher Education Subcommittee. "It is often the first impression a person has of our university. Those of us in the Purdue community are proud of this distinguished, beautiful building and are pleased with the efforts to improve it."

"The Union is a great gathering place for students to meet friends and to study," added Micon. "For those of us who are alumni, and for our community in general, the Union is an incredibly special place filled with wonderful memories. Its upkeep is of critical importance to everyone associated with Purdue."

The project will be funded through the university's housing and food service revenues.

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